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Industry Update: House Passes Bill Protecting Companies Against Lithium Hazardous Classification and Harsh Shipping Restrictions

We have a reprieve — for now— the U.S. House of Representatives recently approved legislation that would prevent the U.S. from enacting a Proposed Rule limiting lithium and lithium ion battery shipments by classifying a broader range of lithium batteries as Hazardous Goods. The legislation addresses a rule proposed by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) along with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). If the proposed rule came into effect, anyone involved in the transport of lithium batteries, including manufacturers, OEMs, retailers and airlines would be subject to new packaging, training and handling requirements. The proposed rule would affect any rechargeable lithium battery $\geq 3.7\text{Wh}$ and any non-rechargeable (primary) battery $\geq 2/3\text{A}$ size, and any product they are contained in or packed with. Cost for proposed restrictions are estimated to be \$1.13 Billion for the industry for the first year and over \$9 Billion over the next 8 years. A joint session with the Senate is next. [Contact Rose](#) for more information.



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